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Closed path causes uproar

By **TERESA WILSON**

What was once a 14-metre wide road is now a 10-metre wide road. Conestoga College was told by the Region of Waterloo that the service road across campus along Elmer Watson Boulevard had to be closed for liability and insurance reasons.

The road has been closed since March 8. Peter Babco, manager of

facilities management at the Deon campus said leaving the lower open was causing an obstacle to use on campus.

"It is not an approved path way on the property. This leaves the college at a liability if something happened," he said.

College staff was aware that not only students walking to the Cambridge campus were the ones who used the

service road but also the students walking from the car park lot and residence.

Students said there have been many reports of slips and falls along Elmer Watson because students weren't being smart. Instead of using the cross walk, they were crossing at various points along the road to access the service road entrance.

However, students are annoyed and frustrated by

the closure of the service road, resulting in some of them jumping the fence.

Michael Kinschberg, a mechanical engineering student, has to walk from the opposite side of the Deon campus to get to the Cambridge campus for his classes every day.

"It's annoying. It takes much longer to get to school now," he said. "If the college were to pre-

vide sidewalks and crosswalks, the service road could remain, but that takes time and money and liability. In the meantime, the college was also told by the region to post signs on and around the red gates at the Cambridge campus because students constantly jump them. The signs will say people are to use the maintained sidewalks and crosswalks, he said.



PHOTO BY TERESA WILSON

Biotechnology (redhead) student Ashley Go (left) protests to stand off fellow biotech students. (right) looks on March 22 in the Deon campus library.

Some putting hearing at risk

By **ANDREW ASSALTY**

During Health and Wellness Week, students from Deon's medical wing put the hearing aids out of sight, out of mind.

In the pursuit of making students feel more included, hearing loss, students from the two-year hearing assistance program (HAP) walked throughout the campus wearing students' hearing aids.

"We're finding if our volume levels are down, which is pretty good," the program co-ordinator and audiologist, Colin Douglas said. Last summer they ran a similar test, of the 73 employees it was checked, but no one was well above the hearing level, he said.

"About 60 people (HAP) and below a safe, speaking above that, and you're starting to get damage," Douglas said. "You've got to be at least 100 dB between 90 and 100, but as you get that or so 100 dB it starts to get in the middle range and at 100 it's down to three-four or five minutes before damage will occur."

Results from the day's tests showed students typically had their volumes set to 90 dB and below, however, during last year's test some students had their volumes set as high as 100 to 105 dB.

Most of those didn't cause which I find fascinating," he said, suggesting their hearing might stem from their age. "You're 20 you're 18, of course you don't care."

However, the nature of hearing loss could also indicate why there is a lack of interest among younger students.

Survey finds cheaters prosper

By **WILLIAM WILSON**

You've heard teachers say it before every test, lecture caught cheating will get an immediate fail in the test and face even a more punishing. When handing out assignments it changes to, "anyone caught plagiarizing will get a zero." Despite the stern warnings, a recent survey of Conestoga College students found they aren't being warned off.

In the survey conducted at the college's Deon campus, 80 per cent of students admitted they have someone who had cheated while attending Conestoga College.

The survey asked 25 students (24 men and 10 females), who remained anonymous, to answer three very simple questions:

Did you ever cheat during high

school? Fifty-six per cent (56) said they did.

Have you ever cheated while at Conestoga College? Eighty-four per cent (84) said yes.

Do you know of someone who has cheated at Conestoga College? Seventy per cent (70) answered yes.

Most students were very forthcoming with their answers, students proudly shouting out, "Absolutely, couldn't have gotten through high school without cheating," or saying, "It's cheating if it's before, handing down their answers."

One student who particularly liked it was filling in at the survey, stating that there wasn't a single assignment throughout high school that he didn't cheat on. "I don't think there was anything that I did honestly in high school. You name

it, I did it. Cheating on tests with the answers on my phone, using websites for assignments... everything, I've gotten a little bit better in college, but if anyone were to really thoroughly check my work I'd have no chance," said the student with a smile on his face.

Surprisingly, the number of students who admitted to cheating in college was particularly low. Also, for those of you wondering which gender is more likely to cheat, both genders answered the questions almost the same with only a few percentages separating them.

According to Conestoga's student handbook, cheating includes copying from another student's assignment, plagiarism, impersonation, taking a test for another student, or using materials not authorized by the instructor.

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What was your favourite childhood television show and why?



"SpongeBob SquarePants. It's just so random."

Zak Whitford,
business
intubation

"Power Rangers. I liked the costumes and lighting. It looked cool."

Kyle Menzies,
police
administration



"Arthur. It's classic."

Ryan Kavanagh,
human services
foundation



"Arthur. I love the characters. I'm obsessed with them."

Abby Roberts,
athletic
teaching



"The Simpsons. It's hilarious, the dumb things they do."

Chris Pfenner,
business
sales



"Scooby-Doo. I like dogs and talking dogs are awesome."

Terrence Rowland,
police
population



Spice Conestoga: you could be our next respondent

The Hunger Games leaves fans hungry for more

By MICHAEL LAMER

Whether you got hype over the book beforehand, the movie adaptation of the best-selling novel *The Hunger Games* did not disappoint. The story was easy to follow even if you did not have the background from the books. That being said, the almost two and a half hour movie included almost every thing that Suzanne Collins created and imagined in the novel.

The film is about the Tenth Hunger Games, a televised event that the land of Panem hosts each year. Convinced as we know it is designed and all that is left are 12 districts. The government is the Capitol, the richest part of the land. All other districts are lower class. The

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higher the number, the less developed the district.

Each year, a boy and a girl between 12-18 years of age are chosen at random to participate in the Hunger Games – a fight to the death where only one person can survive and become victor.

Katniss Everdeen, an experienced hunter, played by Jennifer Lawrence, volunteers as a tribute after her younger sister is chosen. A boy from her past, Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson, is also chosen

from District 12. The immediate audience is evident when it is realized that only one of them may come out alive.

The characters are well-developed throughout the film, making you first and foremost pay for each person who ends up involved in the Hunger Games.

The movie made me a note that makes you expect a sequel – which you should, since the movie is a trilogy.

The film involves every student and keeps you engaged the entire length of the movie. There are no slow or dull moments.

The movie had the biggest non-sport opening in cinema, making it \$114 million opening weekend.

I give the film five out of five stars.

Epica's new album better than expected

By MICHAEL WATKINSON

From a limited debut, to a phenomenally successful album, Epica's new release, *The Divine Conspiracy*, was better than the first two full-length releases. Their fourth album, *Requiem for the Indifferent*, was the group's third full-length album. The Divine Conspiracy, was better than the first two full-length releases. Their fourth album, *Requiem for the Indifferent*, was the group's third full-length album. The Divine Conspiracy, was better than the first two full-length releases. Their fourth album, *Requiem for the Indifferent*, was the group's third full-length album.

On *Requiem for the Indifferent*, the band is successful in carrying out the difficult task of creating a good follow-up to their previous album. To all other Epica's albums, this one starts off with a short intro titled *Requiem*. This symphonic piece leads into *Monopoly On Truth*, a heavy, all-encompassing song complemented by the vocal talents of Simone Simons. The song would surely prove to be



the best and first will be our proof of how heavy this track is. *Requiem* starts out in the typical metal style Epica has used on previous albums, but it gets better toward the end of the song, giving it a variety of tones.

Requiem is a slow ballad but what actually counts more powerful than the power was two levels. Next comes the title track which has a lot of everything. It starts out with the use of some interesting instrumentation that has not been heard on previous albums. This moves to a typical symphonic metal sound followed by a ballad type section and a song of death metal at the end. This was an enjoyable mix to listen to as it was completely different.

The piano introduction *Requiem* is followed by the dark and epic *Guilty Dimension*. The next song, *Drop Water*, however, starts off as a slow ballad, but it eventually picks up the pace. *Drop Water* is another fantastic song. At times, the heavy enough to be classified as straight-up death metal and then some. *Drop Water* is a great song that will keep you listening to it for a long time.

Next up, *Before The Tyrant*, does everything the album has done so far with a little acoustic guitar segment thrown in. *Requiem* is more progressive and similar to *Drop Water*. *Requiem* is a great song that will keep you listening to it for a long time. *Requiem* is a great song that will keep you listening to it for a long time.

Requiem is the best of the best. It is a great song that will keep you listening to it for a long time. *Requiem* is a great song that will keep you listening to it for a long time.

LSA-Final Exam



Posters do the talking

A class for those going green

By Ben Edwards

Why was there a mass strike in the middle of Conestoga College's Dean's days on March 23?

It was part of the annual Diversity Dinner event, which took place in the Evening lobby where students held a mass sit-down during which they wore protest signs to help display their poster topic.

Each poster was made and displayed to promote discussion about topics relating to diversity, mental justice and equality. The event was put on by students in the human services foundation program and overseen by Deborah Datta, the program's co-ordinator.

"It's really hard to be an open student in this country and take on issues that aren't often talked about," Datta said. "The students are required to argue and get creative. If they get people talking, they've done their job."

There were 11 posters this year, including ones on cyber racism, sexual profiling for

immigrants, religious oppression, racism, inequality in education, same sex adoption, human rights, symbols which have racist meanings, the shooting of women and victims of sexual violence, and misogyny.

Sexism is the act of making someone feel guilty about being sexual, or making them feel ashamed after they're raped. The sit-down was started in Toronto last April to protest against this type of cheating. The misogyny group covered similar topics of strong hatred and discrimination toward women and how it's still prevalent in North America.

In Canada it's around twice as difficult for some couples to adopt than heterosexual couples. In the United States it's easier, and students weren't officially allowed to message and talk on posters. That's not the only discrimination that people still face.

Did you know that racial

profiling is still prevalent in airports? Possession of colour was often held in security if they are not Canadian or American citizens. This is especially true in the United States. Conestoga College student said that she had been a victim of racial profiling in US airports. For that matter, interracial marriage is still frowned upon and recent same-sex couples are targeted on social websites such as Twitter and YouTube.

Did you know that before the Second World War the statistics were a spate of peace? Did you know that First Nations students have a much higher failure rate in school than everyone else and many school boards don't deal properly with children who have disabilities?

"There is the seventh year we've done the poster event," Datta said. "Before we'd have two or three presentations a week, but that's increased into class time. This is the same project, but now it's open to the college and lots of people attend."

Many's green thumb is helping the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank.

The first of an eleven-day by Amanda Maxwell of the Race Changeable Research Kitchen was held on March 21 to teach people how to grow their own food and to be more sustainable when doing so. Each class costs \$5 in the sense costs \$5. The money from the class goes back to where it is used to help fund other charitable projects.

The class is for beginner gardeners who have very little or no experience gardening but want to learn and possibly earn some money or get some satisfaction that they grew their own food. The class was offered slightly in the past as a morning course for the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank which partners with Race on this project.

"Food bank volunteers are now volunteers at our new food bank garden to put in some of the hours they need," said Maxwell. "They'll actually

be helping to grow and maintain the garden where the produce goes to the food bank."

Race has a large community garden that is maintained by the volunteers including the students from Conestoga College. Race has been working with the recreation and leisure services program at the college to get volunteers for the summer.

"We've got to prepare the land, we've got to tend the garden and we'll harvest in the fall and that food will go to the food bank," said Amanda Maxwell of the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank.

The class on March 21 covered where you might want to get your garden and some information on the tools you would use in a backyard garden. The instructor also talked about soil health and what you can do to make it healthier to improve your plants. The class was for all ages.

"Last year we had a girl who was 10 years old and we've had people who were in their 30s," said Maxwell.

Cause of hearing loss varies

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"Hearing loss is one of the most common conditions in the world - it's a part of life for one in five people. The damage may not occur today, but could occur later in life or 10 years later."

When you're 30, that puts you at a 30 to 40-year-old with a hearing loss which is a little too early," he said.

According to the Hearing Foundation of Canada, "hearing loss is the fastest growing, and one of the most prevalent chronic conditions facing Canadians today." While the cause of hearing loss varies from case to case, the two most significant contributors are age and noise related.

Statistics Canada reported in 2001, more than one million Canadians suffer from a hearing-related disability.

While some students were raising awareness throughout the campus, Larissa Lutz, a first-year hearing HBS student, carefully navigated the program's video scope made since February 2011.

"We've the second year protocol growing the deaf and as she looked at some of the cases in her case we in the institution's display. Lutz looked at color balance."

"I hear it," Lutz said about her program. "I'm tired of hearing myself as I've learned to much because I

didn't really know anything about it before."

Lutz described the class of 40 as being a highly intelligent group of friends taught by a hearing teacher.

This year's class represents the first class in the program's six-year history that all of the students were offered full-time. In years past, according to Stapher, the program was a mixture of full and part-time students, however due to the program's growing popularity the switch to full-time enrollment was made.

"Our program is so well known now it's only six years old and I would think we're one of, if not the best program in the country," Stapher said.

A FREE JAVA JOLT AT CONESTOGA



Photo by MICHAEL J. JONES/STAFF

Frank Chouhary, a first-year student, is holding a white mug with the word 'COFFEE' on it. He is sitting at a table with a laptop and a small sign that says 'COFFEE' on it. He is smiling and looking at the camera.

STUDENTS MAKE TAX TIME LESS TAXING



The Canada Revenue Agency recently expanded its free preparation training service for Conestoga students and agencies also interested. After the service's successful launch, the agency decided to hold free sessions for students to give their students some practice. The sessions were held on March 27 and 28 at the college's Alumni District office, a first-year prior to graduation student, was one of approximately 25 students who took advantage of the class.

Second-year business administration accounting student (Gladys) Proulx helped her with her return. Proulx was a volunteer.

After years of controversy, Woods may be out of the rough

Two and a half years after he finished his five-year stint as rock star Tiger Woods has a smile on his face and a spring in his swing.

On March 20, after pushing through scandal, pain and injury, Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

This was his first major tournament win in the two and a half years since his personal and professional lives started their downward spiral from what many once said would be his peak.

After all, up until now, they appeared to be right. Shortly after the incident with the oak tree, Woods (named himself) under a black banner of confidentiality turned out what seemed like dozens



Damon Smith
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of women posing public, with proof of it.

The public who millions came to witness and who cheered the world with his dark and dirty secrets.

America's golden boy went down in an instant of public scorn, family trauma and corporate rejection.

But each to the line of a person played on as high a pedestal, for no one to go-

best. And the higher the pedestal, the harder the fall. Maybe that pressure is what drove him to "master his ball better than Nike ever could. Maybe the world held him in an unfair standard.

These people could be argued selfishly. In the end, only Woods himself knows why he did what he did.

One thing that can't be argued, however, is that this was a devastating blow to Woods' career.

He took what he called "an additional break" from professional golf on Dec. 11, 1999, to attempt to fix the colossal drunk that was his marriage.

Less than four months later, after extensive therapy

and soul searching, Woods stopped his wife, the course for the 2012 Masters Tournament. The next that took up then, however, was a the same kid who took the golfing world by storm 14 years earlier.

No, this was not a much older, and it showed. Not only did he not seem that much more, but in the next few years he would be on and off the course with injuries accomplishing little of any significance. Unless you could hang his wife, his longtime coach, his legal entity and the report of much of the golfing world.

All of this only served to make last week's victory that

much more meaningful. "This was more than just two weeks before the 2012 Masters is set to start and celebrated when Doug Ferguson of the Associated Press called it "a personal victory that he was never seriously challenged."

The Masters will be the next step for a comeback, if there is one to be made. It will be the last test of whether or not Woods will ever again approach his former glory.

There is no question but his supporters, although not necessary to believe, but mark up words of his path through to this next tournament, his supporters will be coming out of the "rough" with us to cheer.

Fanshawe students shame the shamrock

The color green is splashed across police, people and posters each 45. Patrick's Day. Yes, having red in all that will be remembered in London this year.

While the holiday was only listed among Canada's and the world, a pocket of parties, parties, mostly students of Fanshawe College, shamed the shamrock as they were truthfully rooted in Fleming Drive on March 17.

The student, wearing 1,000 highly decorated robes, all police officers and 10 firefighters, as resulted in approximately 100,000 of damage.

Local Officers, chief of London Police Services, and Howard Kinsler, president of Fanshawe College, explained their overwhelming duty given after the student.

"Our police respond in a different, dangerous, highly charged situation and ensured that injuries to the crowd were kept to a minimum. The severity of the rash mentality could have easily resulted in a death," Kinsler said at a press conference on March 18.

Kinsler added on March 18 "Today I want the entire of some of our students not only understand themselves but they pay our emergency responders and our community



Karen Hyman
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to a good role. This is your responsibility. It will not be taken on. It will not be executed."

This rash mentality, as Canadian have witnessed before, should be put that unacceptable, intolerable and unacceptable for all that will this crowd together as part of our past our present, and undoubtedly our future.

In June 2001 police worked to end a riot in Vancouver, B.C. that resulted in over 100 arrests. The aggressive occurred as the city's down town that the Vancouver Canucks lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals to the Boston Bruins. That day alone surpassed \$1 million.

These behaviours are terrible as they, self destruction and create lost of consequences for the affected community. These people's actions are dangerous and unacceptable. Kinsler feels not and deserve to be held responsible for the destruction they have helped.

While protesting before on March 17 included many, many more law enforcement, high levels of anticipation, and the cheer that this holiday fell on a Saturday, it should be remembered that these facts mean the same for the majority of cities across southern Ontario.

Over 5,000 people gathered on Kinsler Drive in Windsor, also a big day student population area. The crowd was five times larger than that of London's and although approximately 100 tickets were issued, mostly for drinking beer or liquor in public, there was an out-of

control mob.

Those responsible in London have shamed their city, school and fellow Fanshawe students. But mostly they have hurt themselves. Any employee who leaves their behaviour will surely look for more suitable solutions.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER:

Stress and Stress Management Part 2: Coping with Stress



In part 1, we discussed that stress is the continual change that we all face in our everyday lives, and that we respond to these changes in different ways physically, emotionally and mentally.

- A goal is not to eliminate stress but to learn how to manage it, even use it to help us. Raise your awareness of your stressors and your reactions to them. Don't ignore your problems.

If you failed the first half of a course, decide what you can do to increase your chance of success next time

- What can you change? Can you avoid or eliminate the stressors? Are you working too many hours? Is this interfering with your educational goals?
- Can you reduce the intensity of your reaction to stress? Are you making a difficult situation a disaster? The presentation is only 5 minutes in length and worth 5% of your grade.
- Can you take better care of yourself, building your physical and emotional well-being? Exercise, sleep, nutritious eating and watching what you smoke and drink all go to your physical health. Cut one cup of coffee from your morning routine.

Having mutually-supportive friendships, setting realistic rather than perfectionistic goals and being good to yourself, all contribute to managing stress.

For further assistance, talk to a counsellor in Counselling Services.

**"Finally a radio station
in KW that plays the
new rock I want to
hear."**



Local store hangs on, despite hard times

By SARAH DOBSON

Encores Records has been in business for 31 years and continues to do just as well as ever despite the industry's move to online sales.

The store was originally located on King Street in Richmond, across from the Farmer's Market, but was moved to its current location in 1988.

Terry Brown, the original owner, died shortly after opening the store. His friend and co-owner, Mark Logan, took over the business.

The 48-year-old Richmond man is still the owner today. As a child Logan spent a lot of time and money in record stores, leaving what they had to offer.

"Once enough, it became my dream. It just built a lot of other options," laughed Logan.

Although it was hard at first, the music business was thriving at the time, and it was a good time to buy the store, Logan said.

The music industry today, however, is not as kind to local music store owners.

"There's hardly any left, maybe a third of us are still hanging on," Logan said.

The store offers something for everyone, including new and used CDs, DVDs, LPs and merchandise.

The only thing that can't be found on the shelves is short pay music.

The store is brought in from wholesalers, major labels and buys all over the world.

They also sell tickets to local shows, independent artists' CDs and even promote shows.

As a part of the community, they offer a great hangout spot for just being located in the heart of the city.

**It'll go, when it goes,
I'll be very sad,
because it's
a very honest business.
— Chris Boyd**

After being open for 30 years, Logan feels that they can't get much slower than they already are.

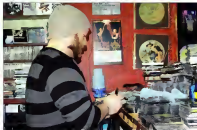
A typical day would include him and his two part-time employees answering questions, listening to new ones, filling them away and more taking the store.

One of his employees, Chris Boyd, who has worked there for eight years, said the store is very familiar since he has shopped there since he was 12.



Encores Records, located in downtown Richmond, is surviving despite the recession and the gloom days of Internet store-browsing.

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SARAH DOBSON



Chris Boyd, an eight-year employee with Encore Records, says Boyd cleaning CDs on a quiet store day.



Artist in residence attracts community

By ANDREW DORRIS

Waterloo Region residents had the opportunity to leave their mark on their hometown in March. Visitors to Kitchener City Hall and Jefferson Campbell-Cooper's unique, creative piece of art work could add their own personal touch.

His artwork consists of a road map on the floor. Some people see a map as a form of direction — nothing more than a way to get around the city. Campbell-Cooper sees it differently and that's what has allowed his recent creation to have such a philosophical impact on the community.

"We hope to highlight Kitchener's diverse resources by focusing on the amazing stories of the area's geology, history, the development of its human history, the personalism and experiences of its people," Cooper says.

He added that the map gives people an opportunity to look at their city from a perspective they may not be used to.

"The map gives us a larger perspective of the Grand River and how it kind of flows through Kitchener and the outcrops and highways, people get really thrown back by it. It's like 'oh, I had no idea the highway had so many curves and warts in this direction,'" he said.

When it comes to trends or interests people have in the map, Campbell-Cooper said that are often interesting in figuring out the same thing. "You learn something about them from what people tell me about the map, from their experiences walking on it and where they come from, so I've been able to label areas, neighbourhoods, parks and creeks but right

away people want to figure out where they live and where they work, that's always exciting for people."

When it comes to actually getting people to draw on his creation, that's a whole other story as some people are still getting used to the idea of drawing on art.

"People love debating and telling me stories so I just kind of follow them around and I will add stuff as they're telling me their stories."

— Campbell-Cooper

"People really open up, they engage because they're really excited — but to get them to get the markers on the map is definitely a bit of a struggle."

"The more outgoing, younger people have been more inclined to pick up a marker and help, participants but people are reluctant. Oh, 'oh, I'm going to make a mistake — it's not going to look nice,'" it's these types of things."

Luckily, Cooper understands these hesitations and has to use out a way that they can still get their markers and favourite places on the map.

"People love debating and telling me stories so I just kind of follow them around and I will add stuff as they're telling me their stories."

"It doesn't any frustration in the process, it's that I can't keep up with all the information I can't digest it that



PHOTO BY ANDREW DORRIS

Jefferson Campbell-Cooper was in City Hall in Kitchener with his piece of art, asking people to add their key locations to the map.

enough and get it on the map."

Campbell-Cooper's fascination with maps, geography and history goes back to his childhood. He has always enjoyed finding a way to connect with rest of the world.

"I've always been fascinated with maps — it's probably more of a fascination with understanding myself within the first of the world, whether it's with a province or country even as a little child."

"To do these maps of a large or scale and I can walk on them, it's amazing, but the information, seeing how a

two-dimensional view can depict a landscape is so incredibly amazing to me," he said.

The map, currently at Kitchener's City Hall, may be the first that this community has had an opportunity to see but Campbell-Cooper has done similar projects on even larger scales.

"An idea of a large-scale map that people can walk on as an art exhibit... I did it for the West Block in Toronto in 2008, I did a 44x24-foot map with people's wooded areas and rivers."

There are normally about 600,000 people who attend the

annual Toronto art event which gave Campbell-Cooper an opportunity to get community input.

"Now, I didn't send the graphs as part of my intention — I wanted the people and politicians participating at Mount St. Patrick to walk over the map and distort it, thus letting the distortions sort of graphs distort and into Lake Ontario and the road come further up north. Which I did. They really walked up the map, since there is a sense, they finished the work."

The Kitchener piece of art is on display at City Hall until the end of the year.



The thing Campbell-Cooper said people enjoyed the most was taking their homes and places of landmarks on the map.



Map and marker in hand, Campbell-Cooper adds to the map he installed on the floor at Kitchener City Hall on March 12.

This flicks store is far out

By KENNETH BELMONT

What started out as a collection among friends, has now blossomed into a store full of over 30,000 movies.

As easy as you walk into Far Out Flicks, located at 111 Queen St. E. in Rochester, your eyes are instantly drawn to shelf upon shelf of movies that have never been heard of before. Shelves drawn high by price, there is a good chance Far Out Flicks will have the movie you are looking for. Even if they don't, the friendly staff will be willing to help you track it down.

Far Out Flicks has been open since 2002 and owner Neil Glemser said there was a period of time where he thought the business might not make it.

"At that point, we had been open four or five years and things were going up, but not significantly."

Glemser said it was the closing of many other independent stores around the area that ultimately helped his business.

"MovieMania closed down, it used to be out on Pioneer Drive, and last year with Generation X closing and Blockbuster closing in

there, that definitely helped us."

That fall Far Out Flicks will have been in business for 10 years. However, all is not rosy just yet, said Glemser and that the new age of film watching, which includes Netflix and Rogers on Demand, has hurt business slightly.

MovieMania closed down, it used to be out on Pioneer Drive, and last year with Generation X closing and Blockbuster closing its doors, that definitely helped us.

— Neil Glemser

"It definitely has hurt us a little bit, probably because of the comfort of being able to just choose a movie from your couch."

However, in comparison Netflix has 30,000 films to rent, whereas Far Out Flicks has

15,000 DVDs for rent on any given day, plus Glemser has his collection of VHS tapes that are for sale. He tries to maintain a competitive price with both major online services. Rogers on Demand charges \$19.99 for a 24-hour rental, while at Far Out Flicks, it costs \$5. Glemser also said that while Rogers on Demand, you don't really get the service, one of the major reasons he believes people still come to his store rather than shop online.

"We talk to people and try and figure out what they like and they come in enough. We then begin to recommend them for them depending on their previous rentals, which is something you don't get online."

Glemser believes that other stores would be able to sustain an independent movie store similar to his.

"There is definitely a niche role being filled by Netflix or Rogers that's those independent stores can fill. We offer DVDs that are off the map. On average it is more expensive to rent online and Rogers wants you to walk away from the store and most of the industry where at one time was an independent store."

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A living historian stands on the front lines

By **ALEXANDRA BERN**

Bob McGuire is not your average 61-year-old sales representative. When he's not juggling missing two teenage daughters, travelling all over Ontario and covering operating rooms with surgeons who are using the medical devices he sells, McGuire likes to shoot at Americans.

Somewhere in the chaos he finds time for his hobby — re-enacting.

McGuire has been involved in re-enactments for the past four years with a unit called the First Royal Scots Grenadier Company which is based in London, Ont.

"A few years ago I began working in a chair and one of the ladies in the chair was a re-enactor. She introduced me to the hobby," McGuire said. "It's like any good hobby. Once it gets to you, you don't need a reason to continue. It just grabs you and holds you."

McGuire has a love of history, Canadian history in particular, and was dreamt of becoming a history teacher.

"I have a large collection of books on Canadian history, largely Canadian military history. As one of my close friends will tell you, I am up anything that's history. I don't care what it is," he said. McGuire was a soldier in the Canadian reserve for six years. In the re-enactments he participates in, he plays the role of a private soldier.

"We don't pretend that we're modern-day soldiers. A number of my friends who are in the unit were in the military as well. It does tend to draw on some of that, but it's not like a second home for so military people," McGuire said. "There are a lot of people in the unit who were never in the military and are in the unit too as well."

Re-enactors are often referred to as living historians. They impart their knowledge of Canadian history on

others to give a sense of perspective into what it may have been like for people during that time. That is one of the many aspects of re-enactment that McGuire loves.

"I get to talk about what I'm doing to people who don't know the history, so I pass on that way. I get to become the history teacher. I never had the good fortune of being," McGuire said.

Re-enactments run from spring to the fall. McGuire will be participating in a training session in Fort George in April followed by a large re-enactment the first full weekend in May outside of London, commemorating the Battle of Longwood, the last of the war's re-enactment seasons.

"The re-enactment groups gather during the winter and they decide which battles we're going to reenact. The ones that tend to be standard for this part of Ontario are Chancellorsville, Farm near Gettysburg, Fort George, Fort Erie, Longwood and Stony

Creek," McGuire said.

The final re-enactment McGuire will be participating in this year will take place on Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights.

"I think we live in a world that is very fast-paced. We spent most a period of time in history where it was a lot more calm, but it was based a lot more on community. People survived because they could rely on each other. I like the sense that I'm connected to these people in some way."

During the re-enactments McGuire often finds himself wondering what it would have been like for a soldier who was on the front lines during the War of 1812.

"I find myself wondering what must those people have done? What must that have been like for them, because I just fire shots and powder coming out of the end of their musket. I don't hear a loud bang and I don't have anyone

and I don't face people charging on a horse with a sabre. It's very easy to let your mind go back in time and think what the great lives really have been like," McGuire said. "It gives you a chance to explore a deeper sense of history within yourself and what that really means to you, especially with Canada and the being the 300th anniversary of the War of 1812. For me, I think it gives me another opportunity to appreciate the fact that I am Canadian."

McGuire encourages anyone interested in Canadian history and re-enacting to give it a try.

"It is not an elite club. We would welcome anyone who wanted to join a re-enactment unit," he said.

McGuire is looking forward to being his 60-year-old father accompanied by his sister, come out to be a few of the major events this upcoming season.

"We all have a love of history, there's military background and understood the importance of the Re-enactment."

